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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

PREVIOUSLY...

THE BATTLE RAGES ON!

Sonic the Hedgehog is leading Tails and Amy around the world as Team Fighters – a strike team for justice! They've been tracking down Dr. Eggman and the Death Egg II to stop his evil ways and rescue one of their own: the roboticized and weaponized Princess Sally Acorn.

But Dr. Eggman will do anything to throw Team Fighters off the trail, including sending an invasion force to the echidna homeland. The echidnas have been through a lot as of late, leaving only a small population of survivors. It wouldn't take much to destroy their kind entirely, and when our heroes arrived on the scene, a fierce battle between the survivors, Team Fighters, and Eggman's forces erupted. The battle ended with all parties knocked out!

Knuckles the Echidna, revered Guardian of the Master Emerald and protector of his people, arrived after the battle to find the entire echidna population vanished, while Team Fighters lay unconscious on the battlefield. After some investigation, our heroes discovered that Thrash the Devil, a fierce Tasmanian Devil whom they thought to be a hero, had used a super warp ring to transport the echidnas to an unknown location as revenge for the disastrous genetic engineering the echidnas had performed on Tasmanian Devils in the past.

Whatever his motivation, Thrash has just erased the echidna population – and that population's protector is MAD...

Who's Who

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
SUPER SPEEDY HERO

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
THE LAST GUARDIAN OF ANGEL ISLAND

AMY & TAILS
SONIC'S TEAM FIGHTERS

THRASH THE DEVIL
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OKAY, I GAVE YOU YOUR LITTLE VILLAINOUS SPEECH. I LET KNUCKLES GET THE FIRST HIT IN.

NOW, YOU EITHER BRING BACK ALL OF HIS KIND, OR WE'RE GONNA TUSSLE!

÷KOFF!÷ I'VE GOT NO BEEF WITH YOU, AND THIS AIN'T YOUR FIGHT, MATE.

IT IS *NOW*. LAST CHANCE BEFORE I RUN YOU INTO THE GROUND!

WELL, ÷KOFF÷ IN THAT CASE, MY ANSWER IS...

RAAAAA

RAAAA

AAAAA

ELSEWHERE--OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL BUILDING...

MOMENTS AGO...

ALMOST THERE ...ALMOST THERE... RELAX. THANKS TO THIS CRABMEAT, YOU'VE ADAPTED. THAT HORRIBLE, SHORT-CIRCUITING RAIN-WATER CAN'T HURT YOU ANYMORE.

KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA
ADVANCED ROBOT SYMBIOTE, CURRENTLY JOINED WITH A CRABMEAT BADNIK

OH, THAT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD...

HELLO?! ANY EGGMAN-LOYAL FORCES HERE? ANYBODY? I NEED SOME SUPPORT, PEOPLE!

GREAT. JUUUUUST GREAT. FIRST I'M HUMILIATED BY TEAM FIGHTERS.* THEN I BARELY SURVIVE IN THIS BADNIK, MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THIS MIDDLE-OF-NOWHERE BASE, ONLY TO FIND IT'S ABANDONED!

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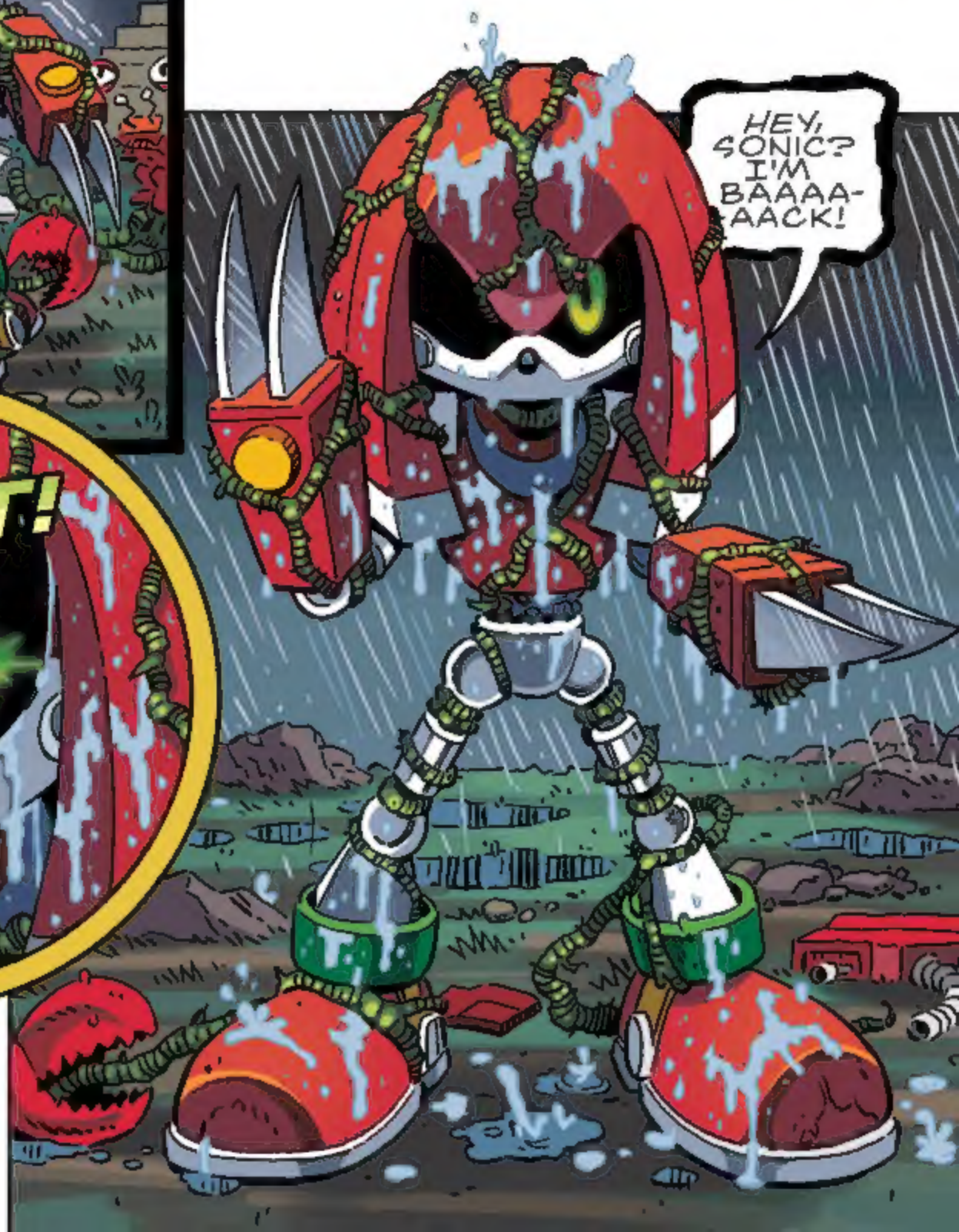
HOW CAN I BE THE AWE-INSPIRING TERROR OF THE *KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA* WHEN I'M STUCK IN THIS TINY LITTLE... *HEY*, WHAT'S THAT THING?

OH, GOODIE-GOODIE-GOODIE-GOODIE!
IT'S ONE OF THE METAL SERIES! AND IT'S MOSTLY INTACT!

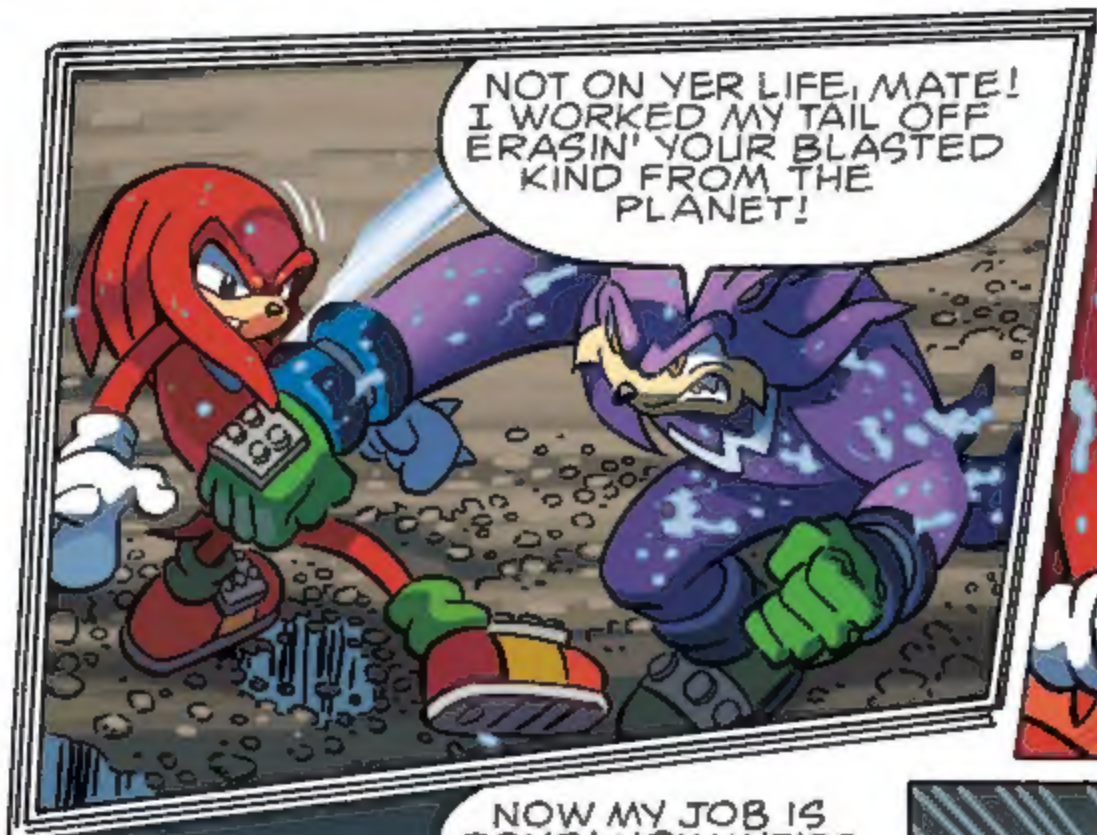
REROUTE A CIRCUIT HERE, REPLACE A COUPLING THERE...

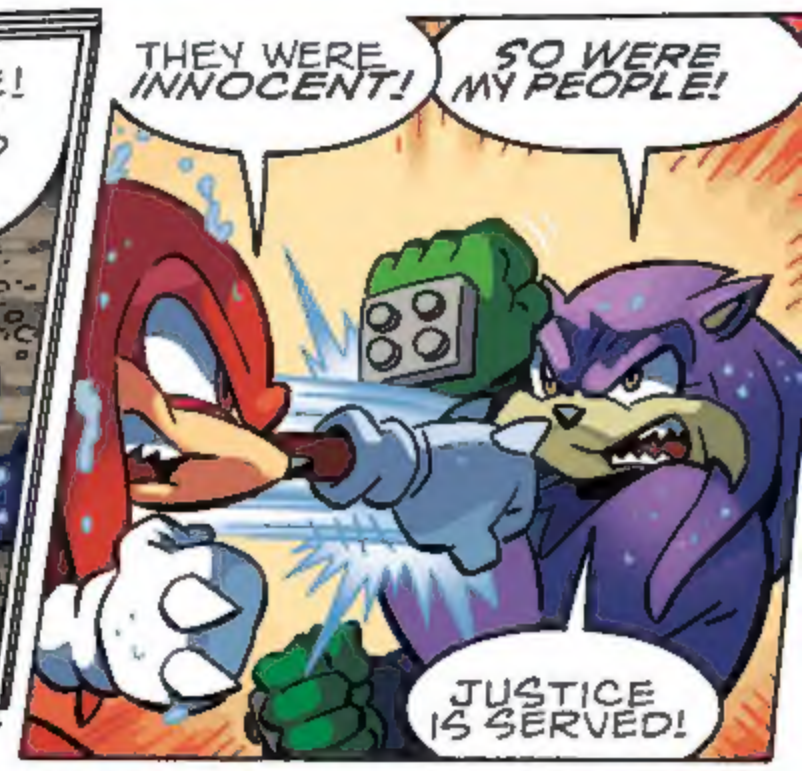
BZZT!

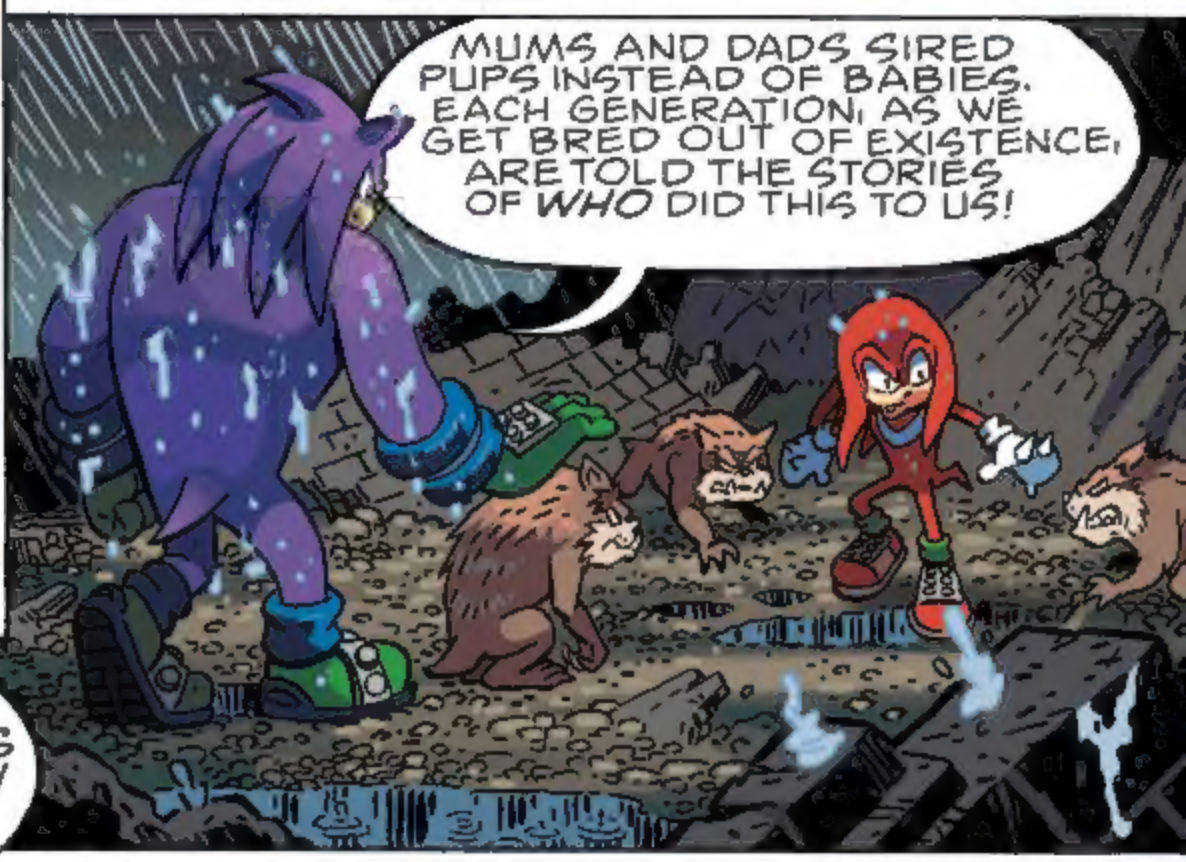

HEY, SONIC? I'M BAAAA-AACK!

MEANWHILE, NOT TOO FAR AWAY...

BRING THEM BACK!







THE ECHIDNAS MESSED WITH OUR GENES, TRYING TO CREATE THE DEVIL DOGS. NOBODY REMEMBERS WHY--NOT THAT THEY HAD THE RIGHT TO DO IT AT ALL.

AND SO HERE WE ARE, THE LAST OF THE TASMANIAN DEVILS AND THE LAST OF THE ECHIDNAS.

EYE FOR AN EYE, MATE.

THAT'S IDIOTIC!

THAT WAS GENERATIONS AGO! NOBODY HERE EVEN *KNEW* ABOUT IT!

BOF!

THEY COULD'VE HELPED TO *REVERSE* THE DAMAGE! NOW --BECAUSE OF *YOU*--

--WE'RE *BOTH* EXTINCT!

DON'T LAY THIS AT MY FEET! YOUR KIND STARTED ALL THIS! GIVE 'EM ENOUGH TIME, THEY'D DO IT AGAIN! I *FINISHED* IT!

I'M STILL STANDING!

AND I'M GONNA MAKE YOU BRING THE ECHIDNAS BACK!
THANKS, SIS.
SONIC!
KEEP THE DEVIL DOGS OFF ME!
YEAH, THEY'RE KIND OF A PROBLEM...
TEAM FIGHTERS! FORM-UP! I'VE GOT A PLAN!

THESE THINGS HAVE TEETH AND NUMBERS, BUT WE'VE GOT SPEED AND SKILL. I NEED YOU AND AMY TO DO THAT SPINNY THING YOU DO TO CORRAL THEM FOR A FEW MINUTES.

"SPINNY THING"?

Y'KNOW, WITH YOUR TAILS.

...YOU MEAN "FLY"...?

NO! THE *OTHER* SPINNY-THING!

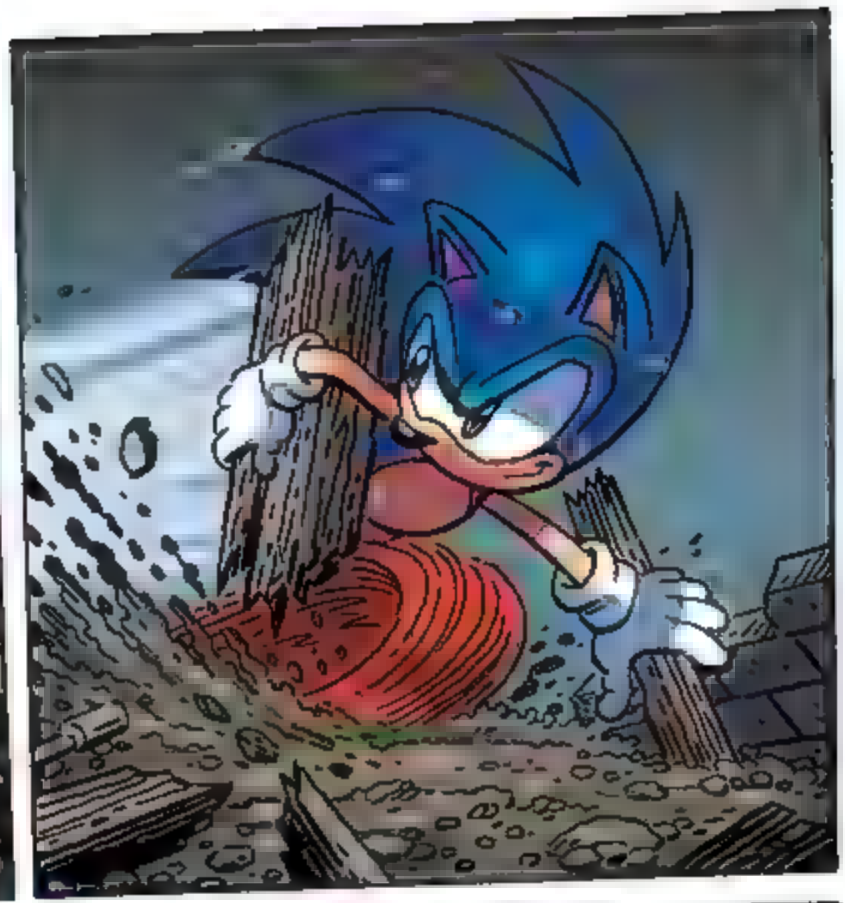
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT...BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN DO THAT! NOT LIKE YOU OR TAILS CAN!

WELL, I THINK YOU CAN!

I BELIEVE IN YOU, AMY.

YOU HEARD MY MAN! *SPINNY THING TIME!*

WE'VE *GOT* TO CALL IT SOME-THING BETTER THAN THAT...



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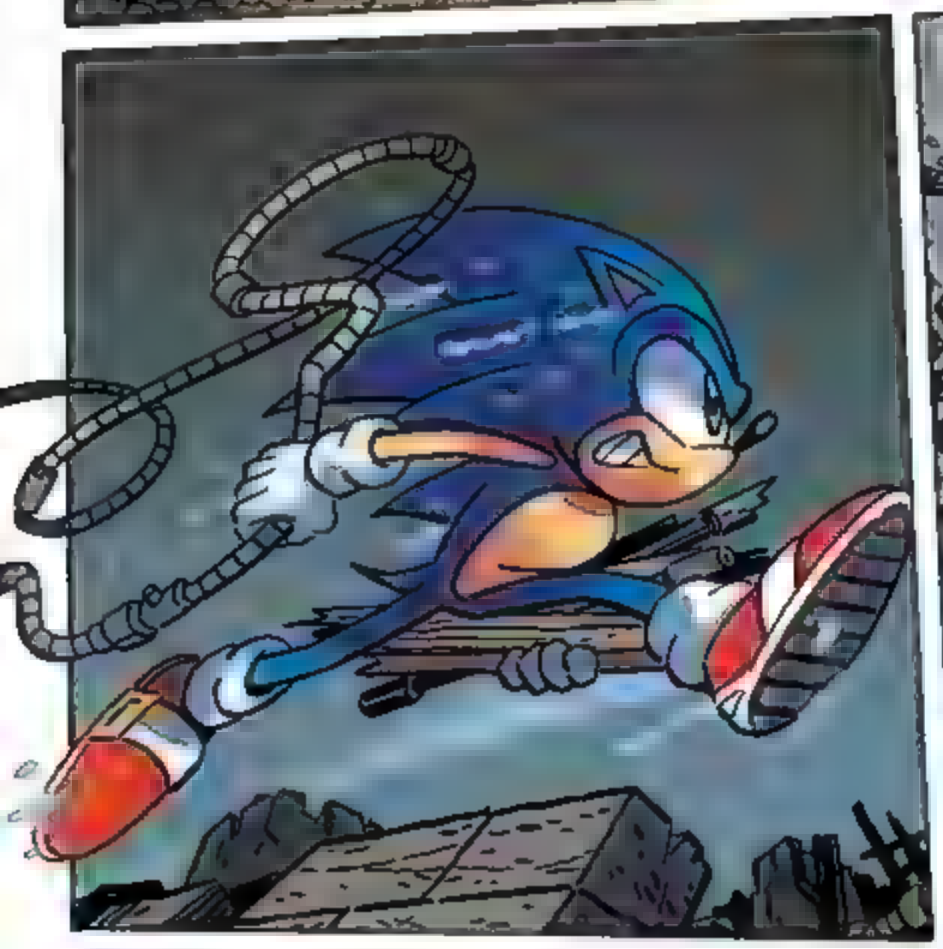
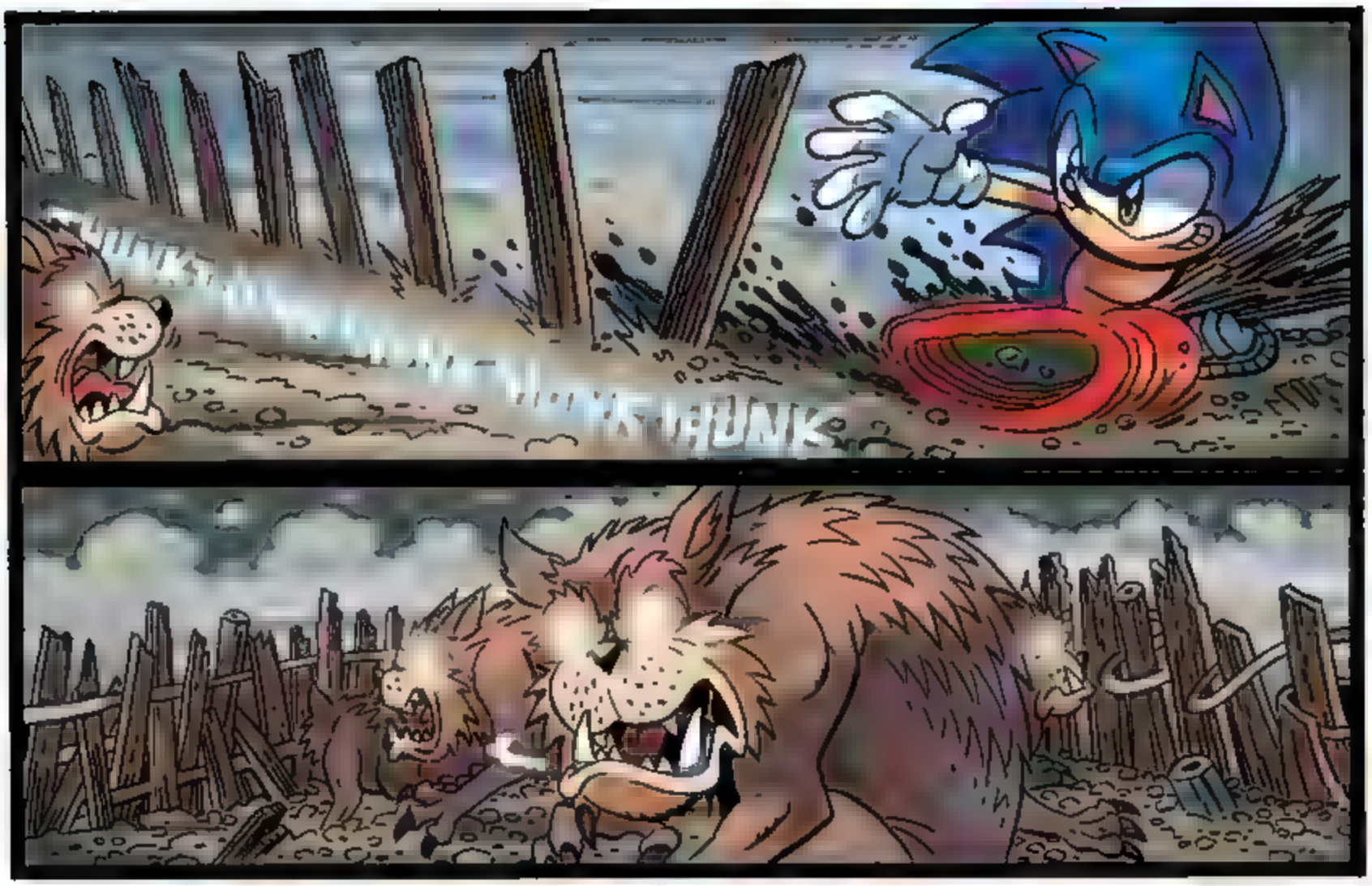


GRRRRR

KLUD
I WAS GONNA LET YOU WALK AWAY!
YOU'RE MAKING THIS HARDER THAN IT HAS TO BE!
YOU TOOK MY FAMILY! THE LOVE OF MY LIFE!
YOU ROBBED IT ALL FROM ME BECAUSE OF YOUR STUPID, SHORT-SIGHTED OBSESSION!
IT'S JUSTICE! IT'S WHAT MY KIND IS OWED! IT--!
SHUT!
UP!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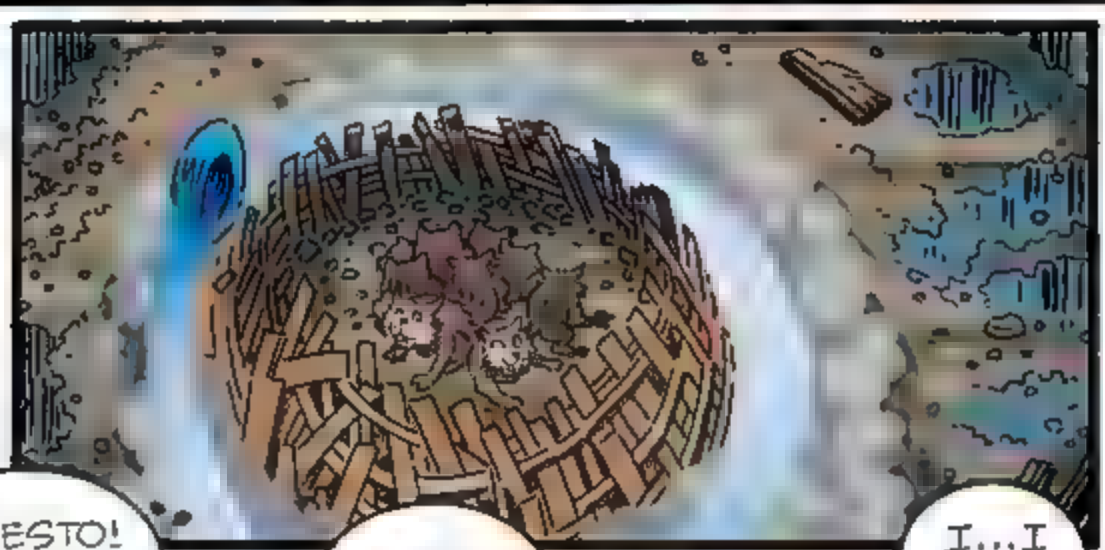
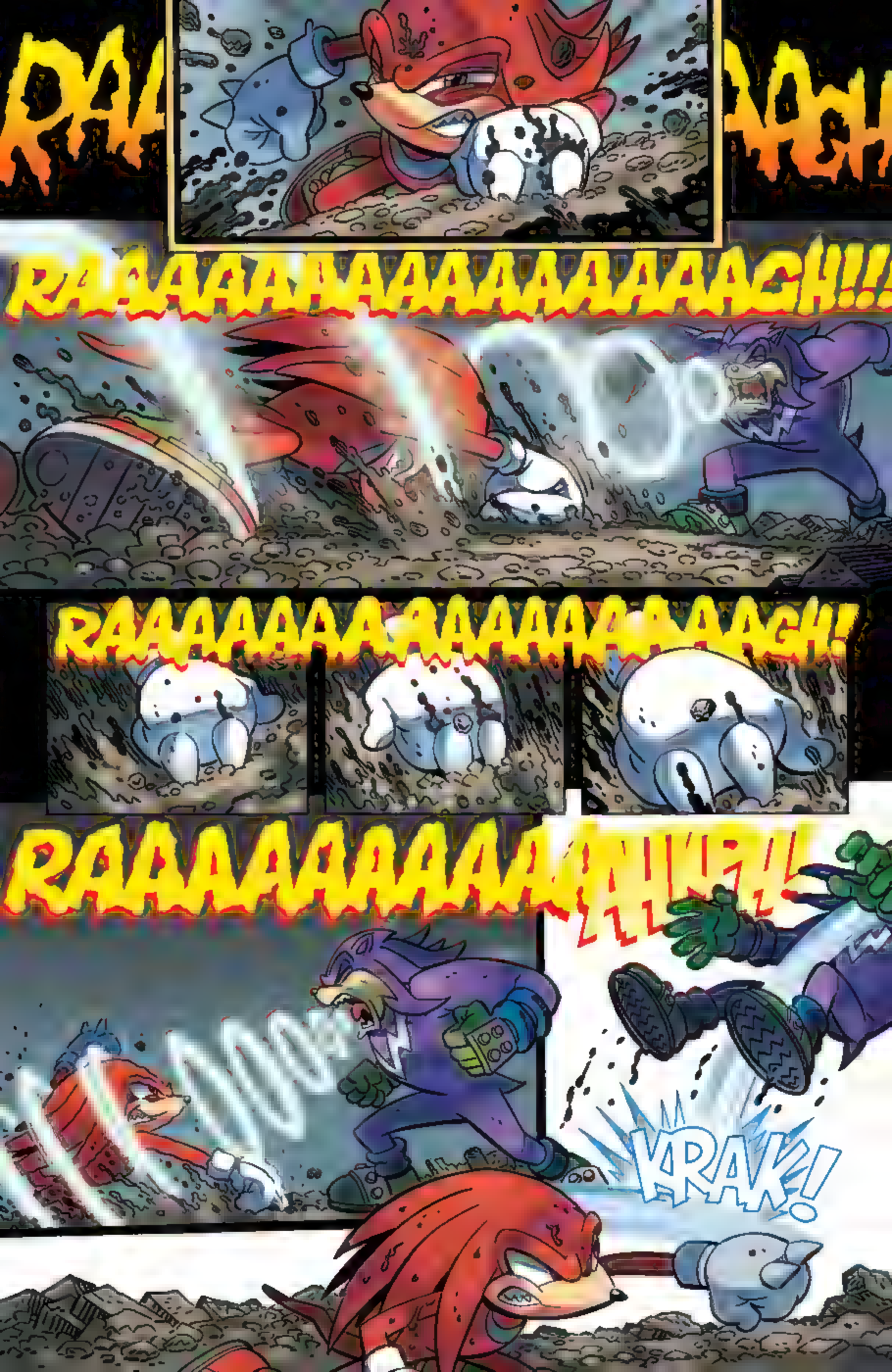


PRESTO! INSTA-KENNEL!
NICELY DONE, SONIC!
YOU, TOO, LITTLE BRO!

I...I DID IT...
YEP! I KNEW YOU COULD. THANKS, AMY.
SURE. ÷URGH÷ HOW CAN YOU *STAND* IT? AND ALL THAT SPINNING AROUND AND AROUND AND ÷URGH÷

YOUR DOGS ARE CAUGHT. YOU'RE BEATEN. *IT'S OVER.*
BRING MY PEOPLE BACK. *NOW.*
I'M ASHAMED TO SAY IT, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I CAN'T TAKE YA...
...IN A FAIR FIST-FIGHT...
SO I WON'T USE ME FISTS.
RAAAAAAAG!!
RAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGH!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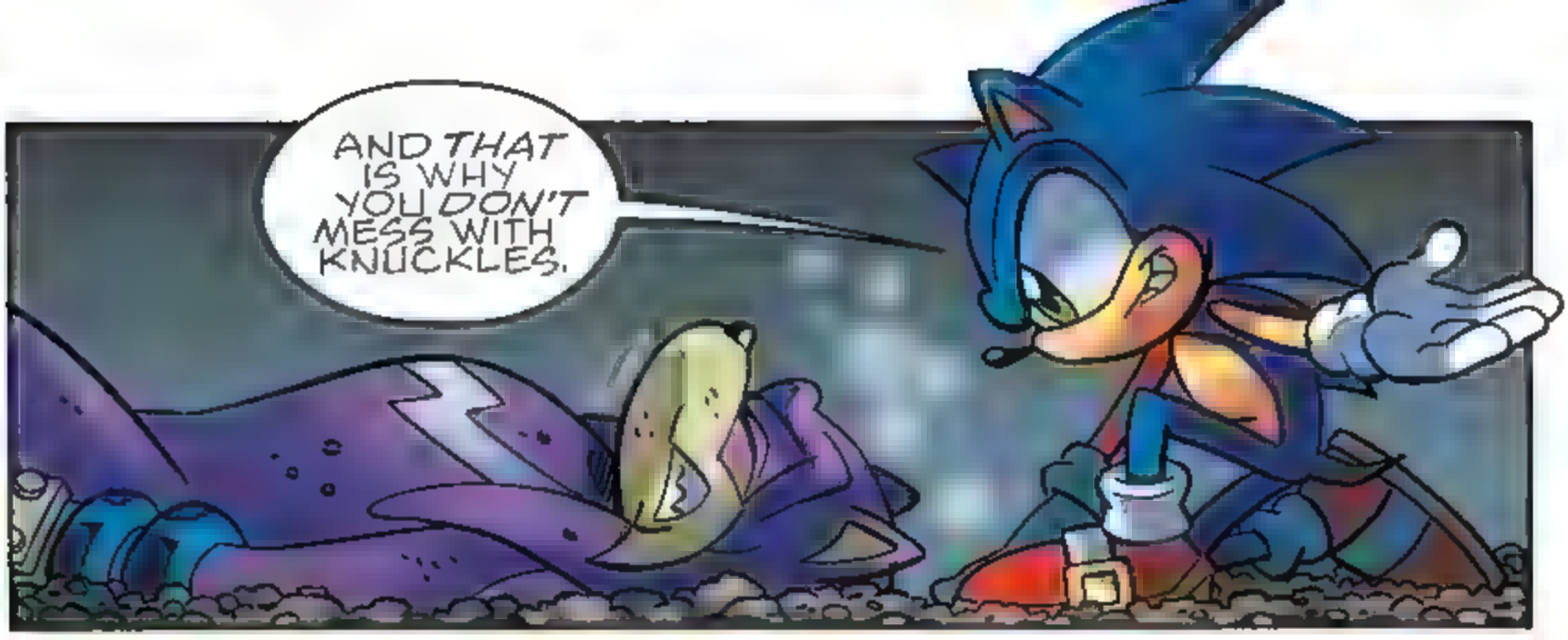
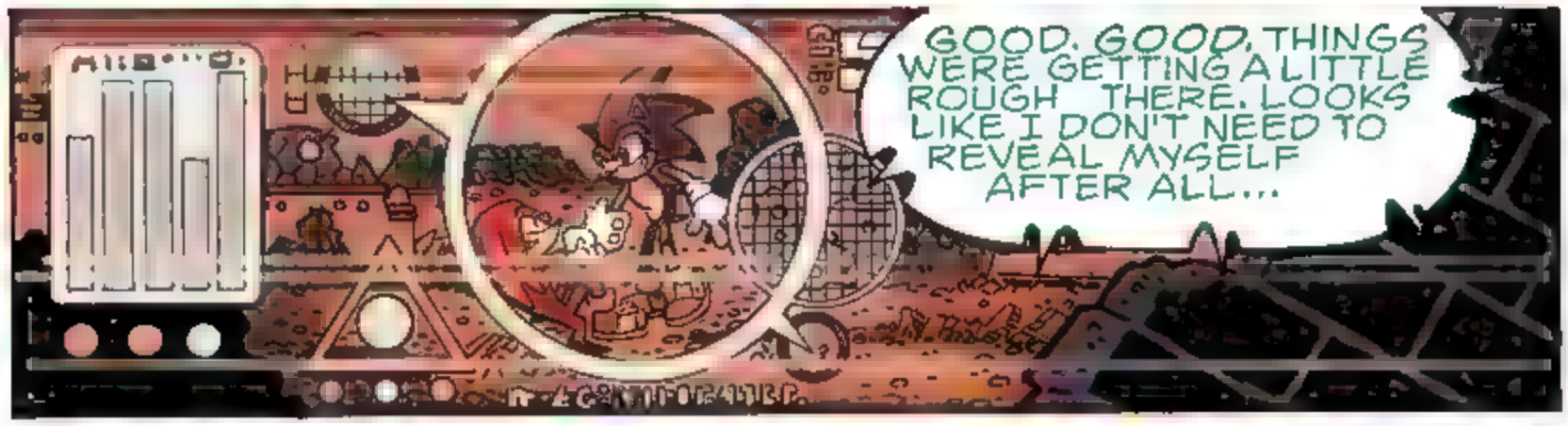
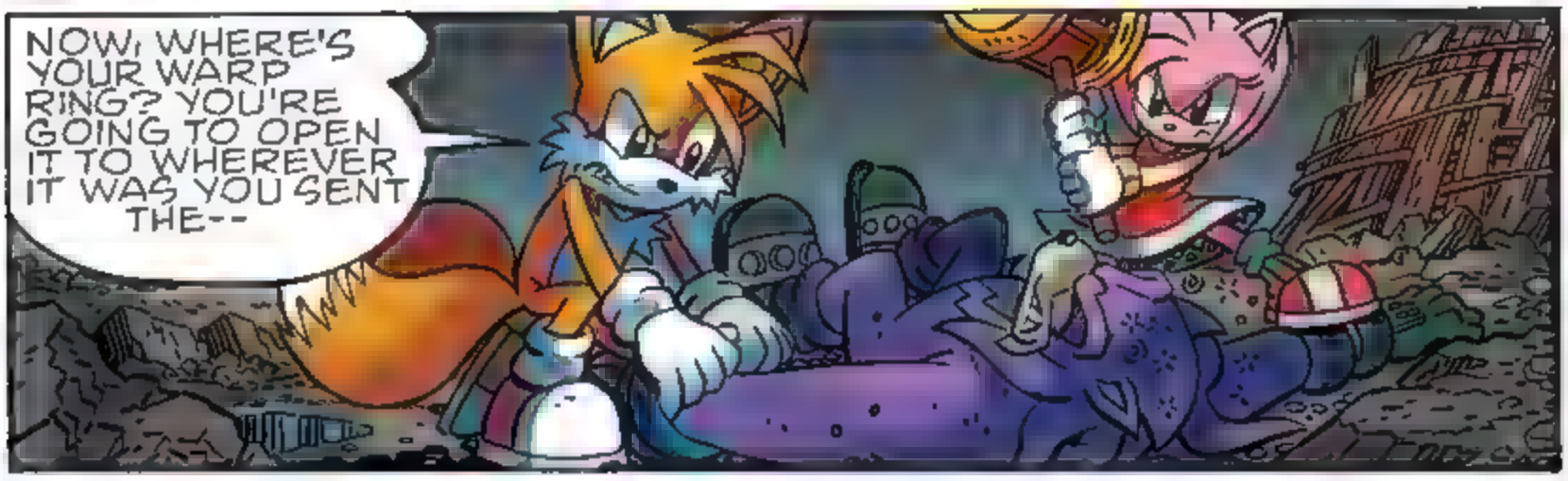
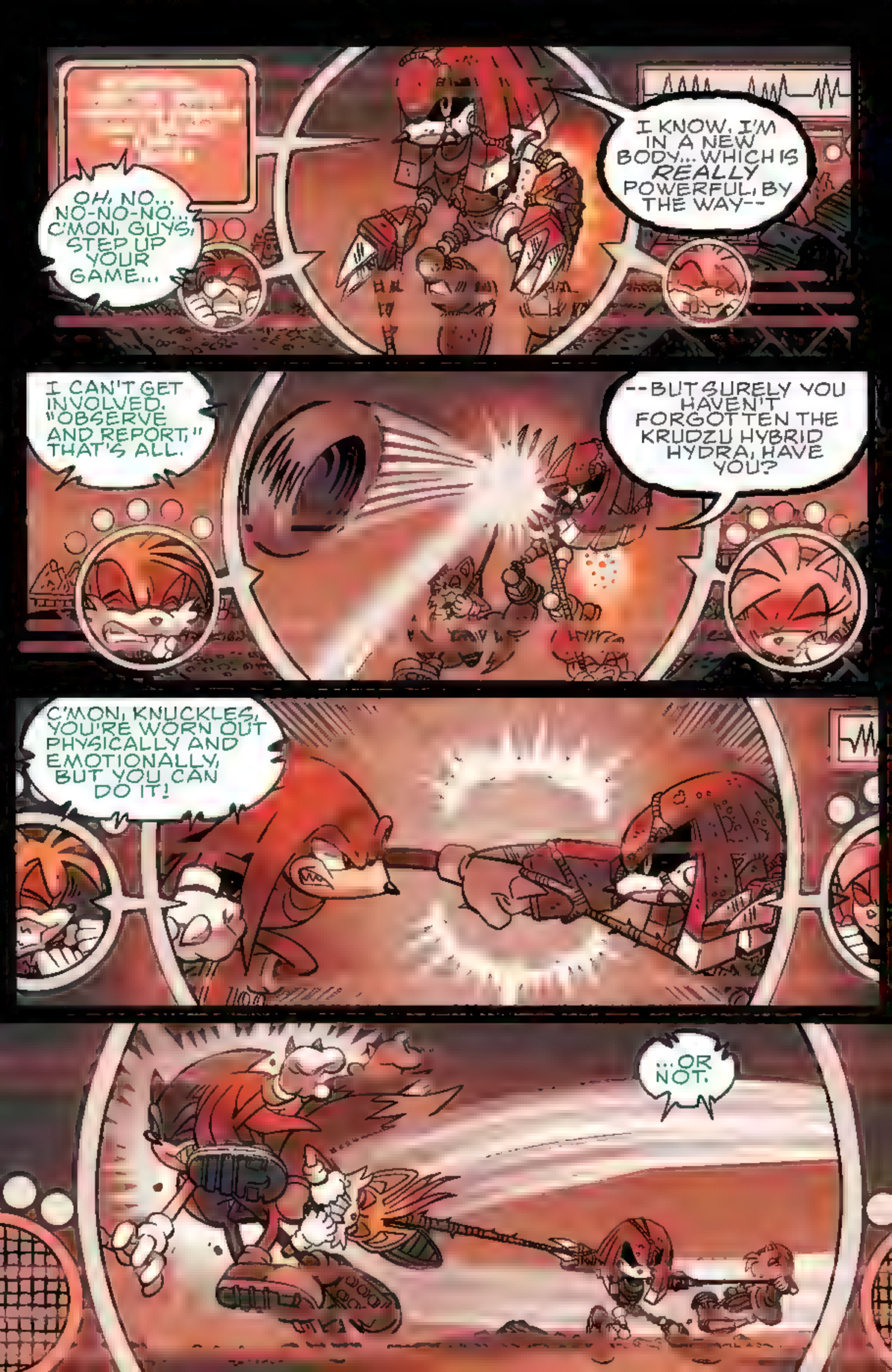
RAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGH!!!
KRAK!


AND THAT IS WHY YOU DON'T MESS WITH KNUCKLES.

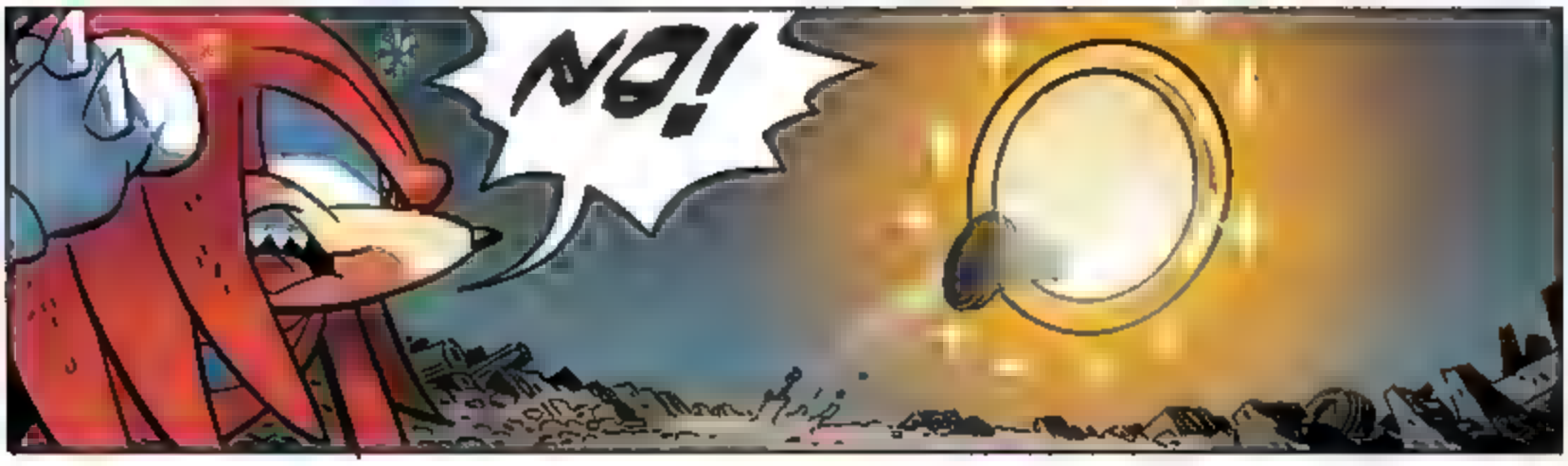

GOOD. GOOD. THINGS WERE GETTING A LITTLE ROUGH THERE. LOOKS LIKE I DON'T NEED TO REVEAL MYSELF AFTER ALL...


NOW, WHERE'S YOUR WARP RING? YOU'RE GOING TO OPEN IT TO WHEREVER IT WAS YOU SENT THE--

HEY, SONIC, REMEMBER ME?


OH, NO... NO-NO-NO... C'MON, GUYS, STEP UP YOUR GAME...
I KNOW, I'M IN A NEW BODY... WHICH IS REALLY POWERFUL, BY THE WAY--
I CAN'T GET INVOLVED. "OBSERVE AND REPORT," THAT'S ALL.
--BUT SURELY YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THE KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA, HAVE YOU?
C'MON, KNUCKLES, YOU'RE WORN OUT PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY, BUT YOU CAN DO IT!
...OR NOT.

THWASH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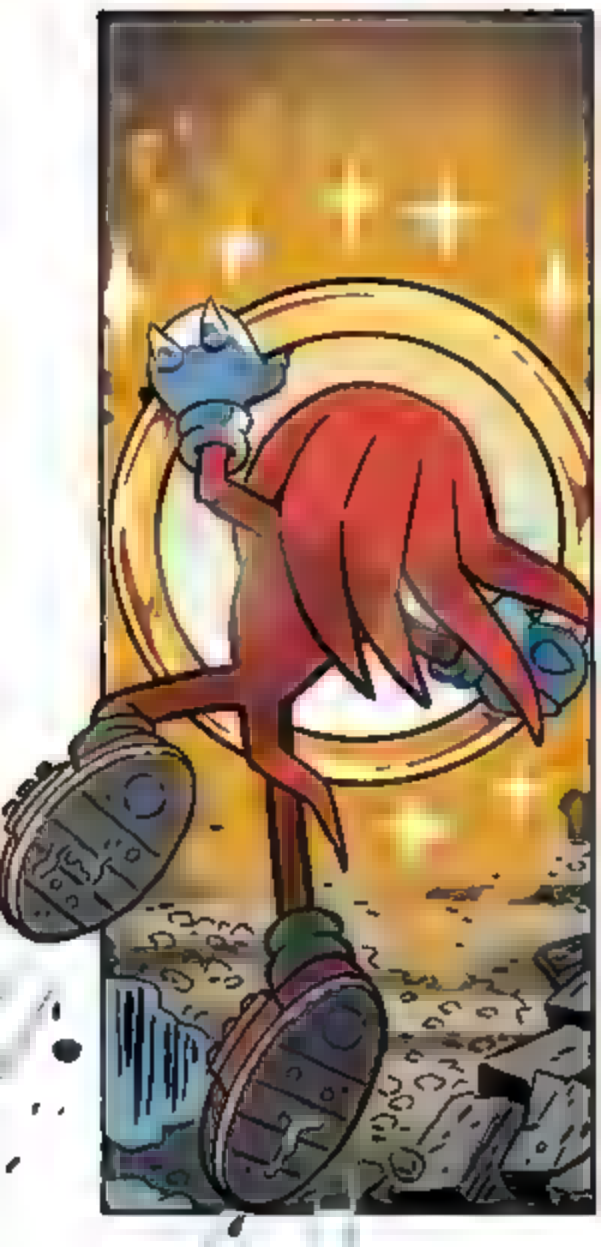
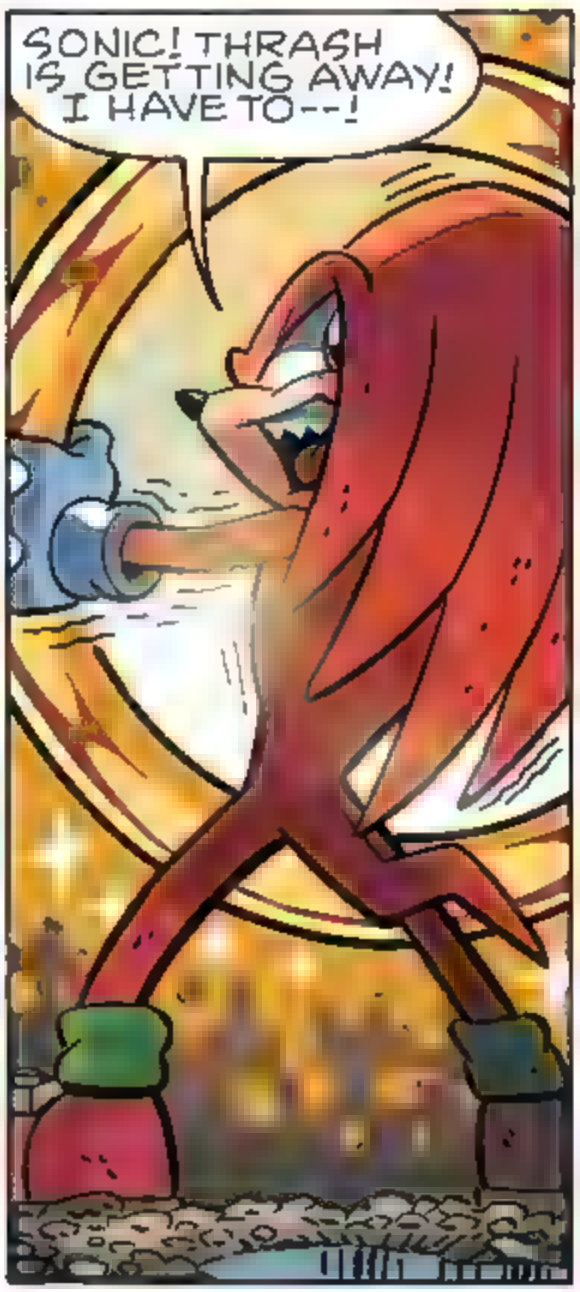
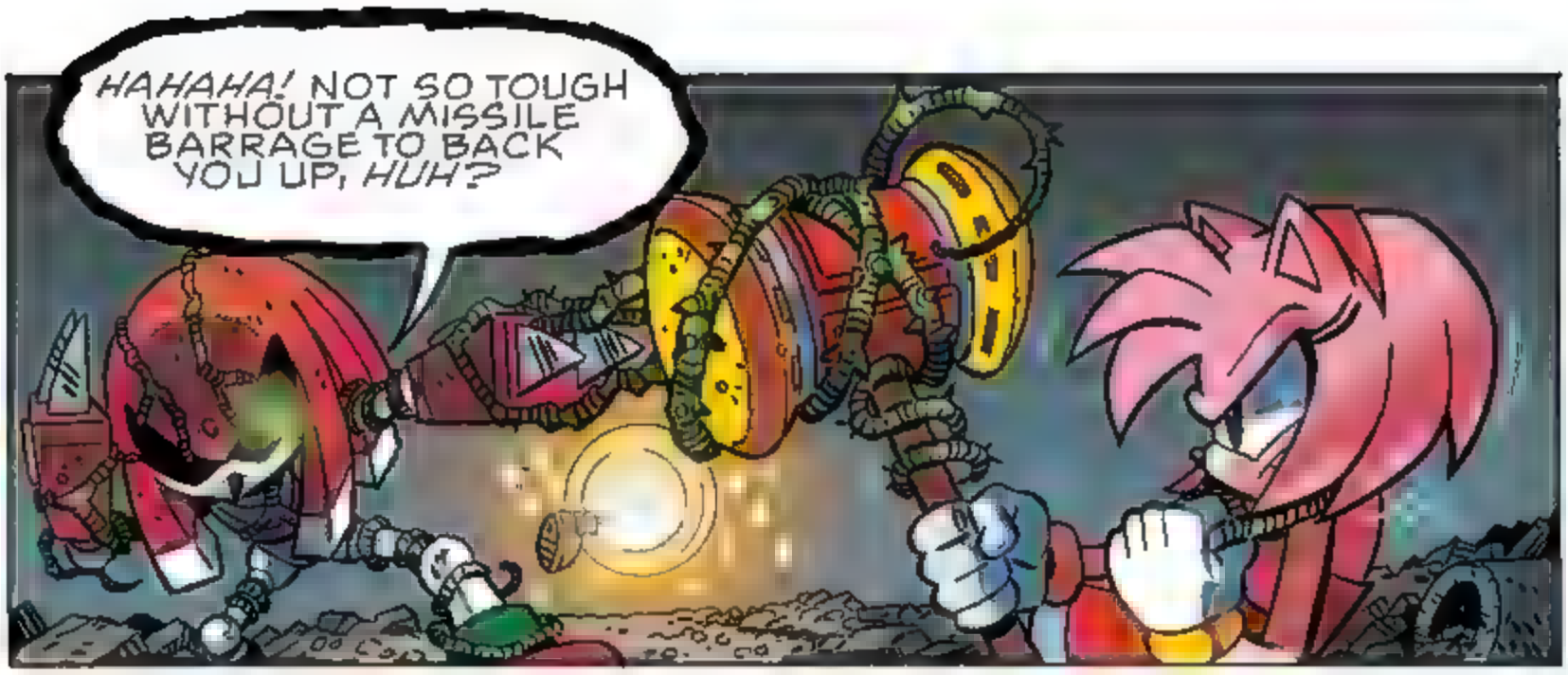
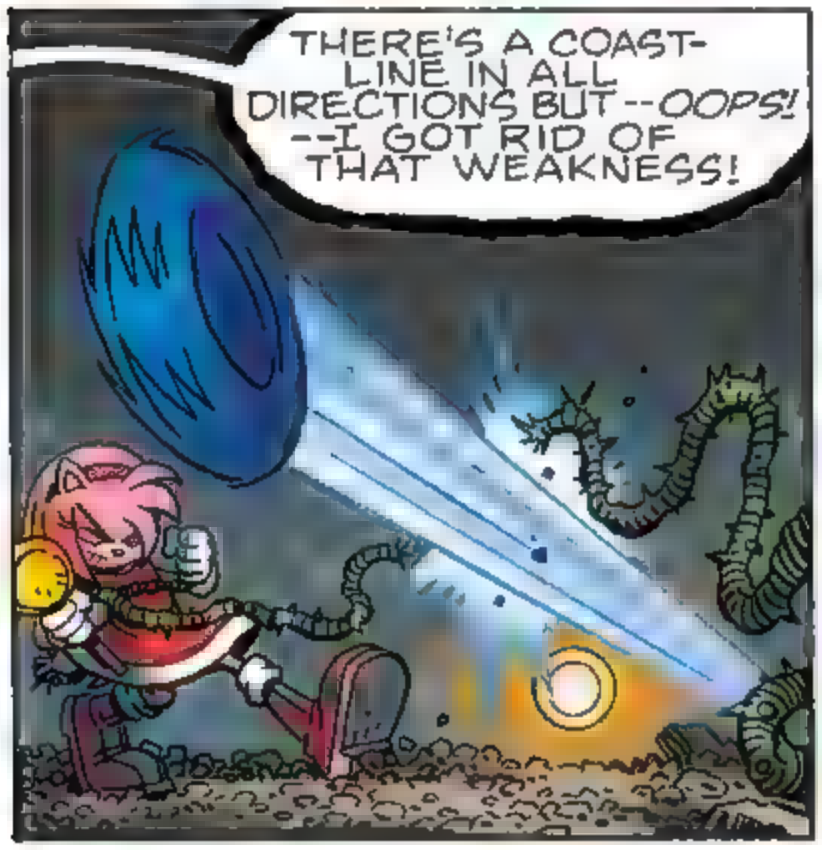
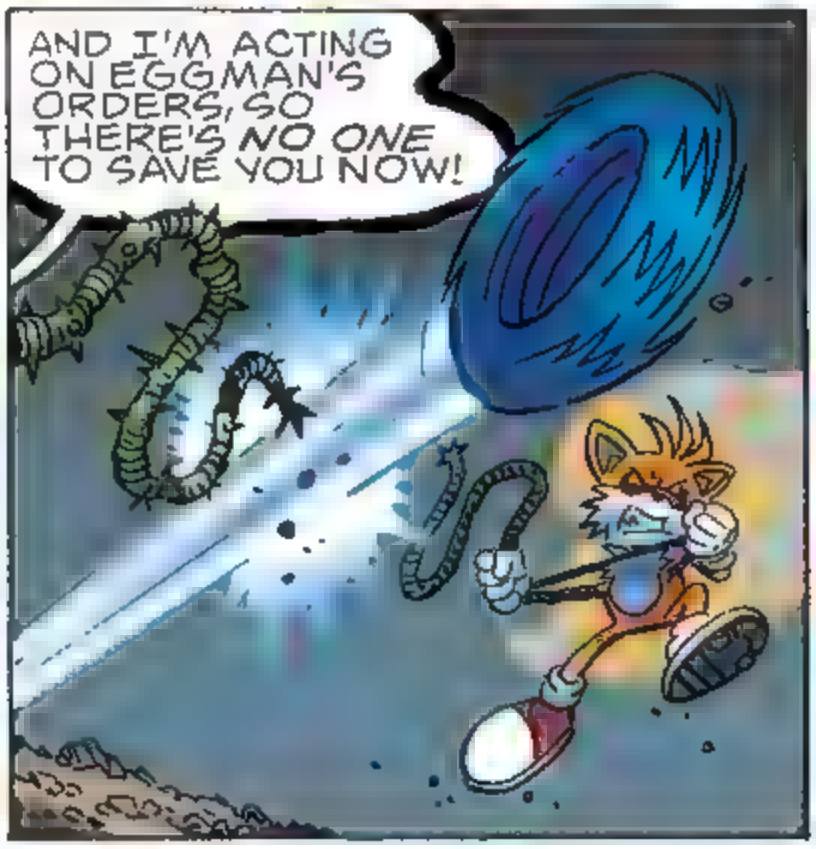


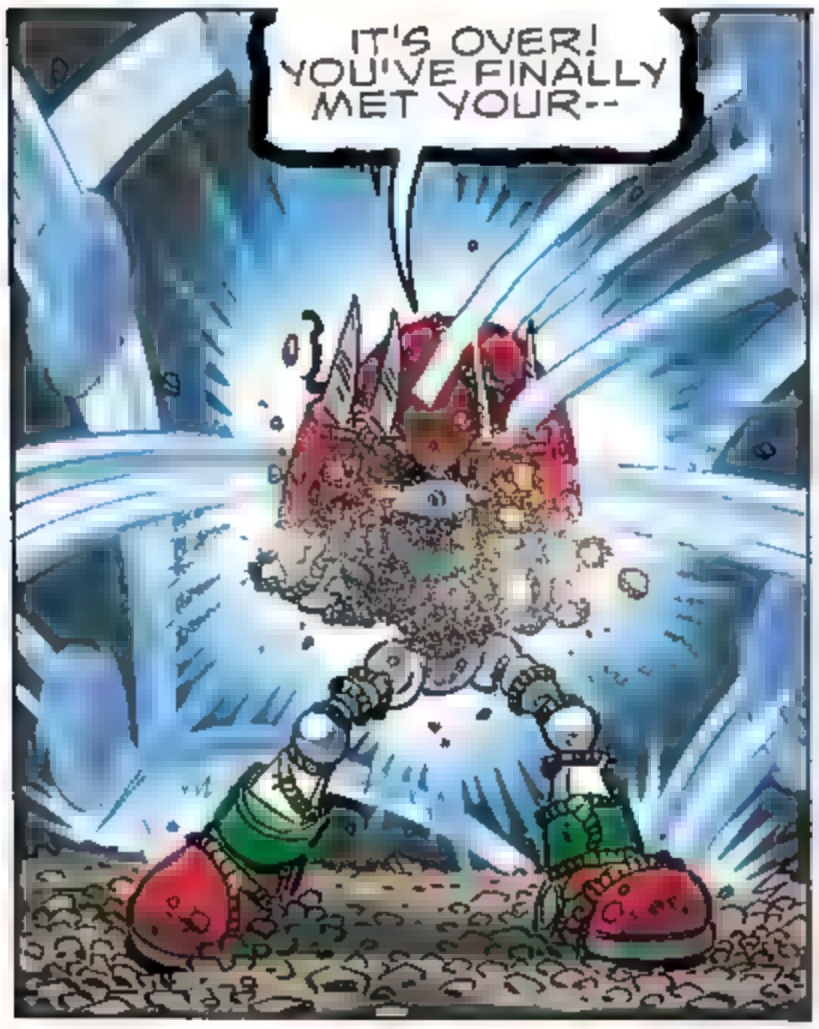

SONIC! THRASH IS GETTING AWAY! I HAVE TO--!

DUDE--GO! WE'LL HANDLE THINGS HERE! YOU JUST GET THE JERK!

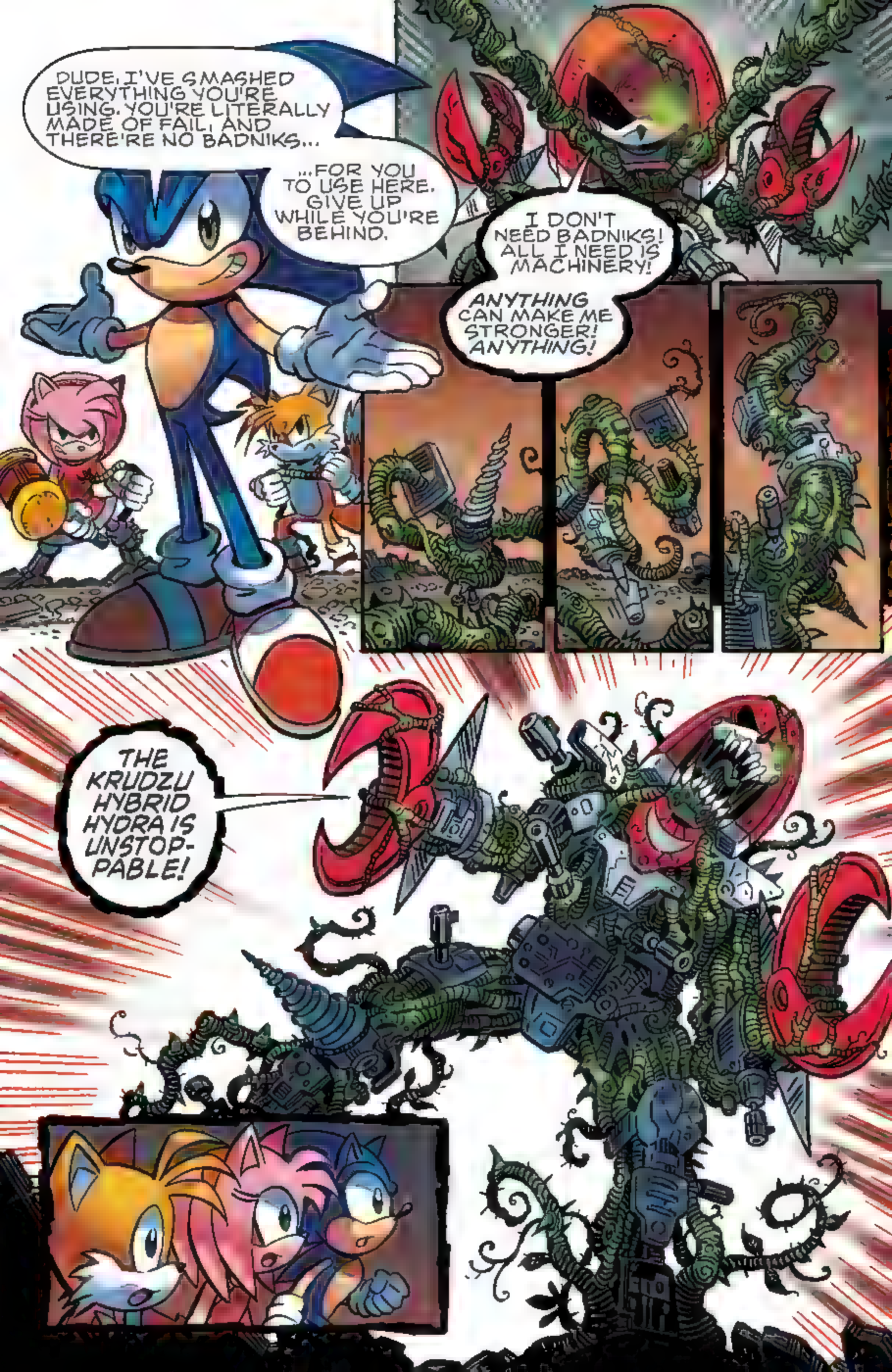

HAHAHA! NOT SO TOUGH WITHOUT A MISSILE BARRAGE TO BACK YOU UP, HUH?

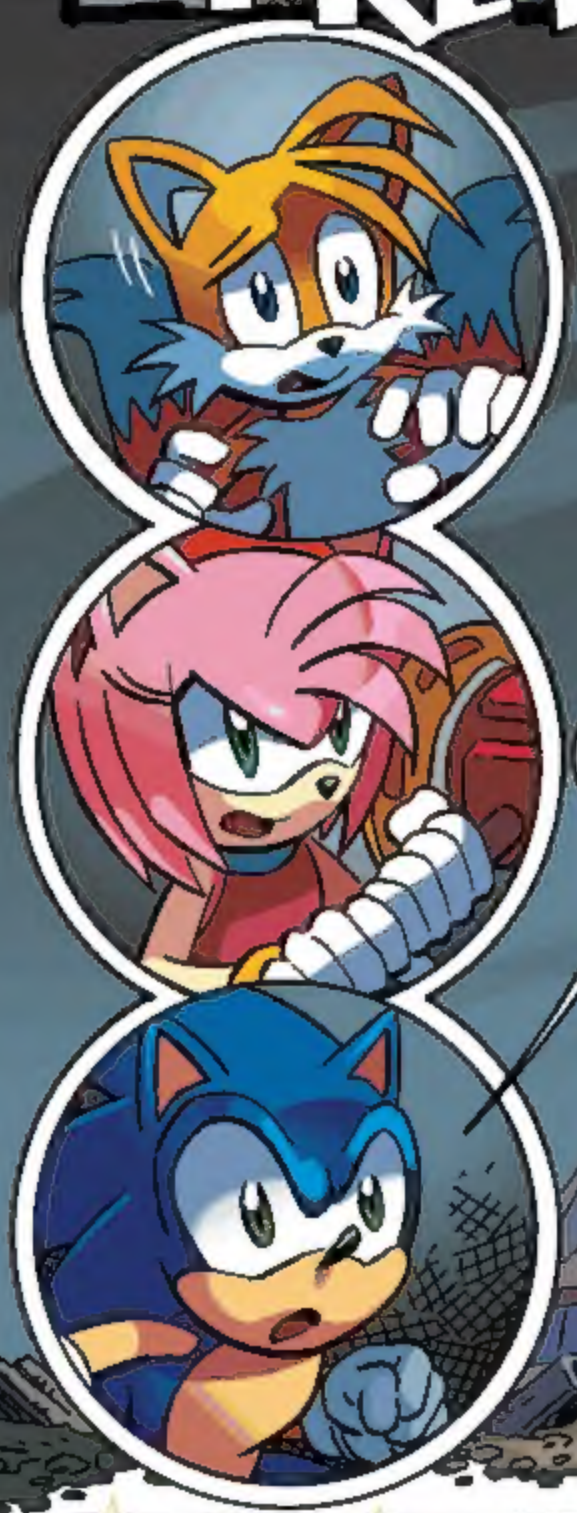

THERE'S A COAST-LINE IN ALL DIRECTIONS BUT--OOPS! --I GOT RID OF THAT WEAKNESS!


AND I'M ACTING ON EGGMAN'S ORDERS, SO THERE'S NO ONE TO SAVE YOU NOW!


IT'S OVER! YOU'VE FINALLY MET YOUR--

--MATCH?


DUDE, I'VE SMASHED EVERYTHING YOU'RE USING. YOU'RE LITERALLY MADE OF FAIL, AND THERE'RE NO BADNIKS...
...FOR YOU TO USE HERE. GIVE UP WHILE YOU'RE BEHIND.
I DON'T NEED BADNIKS! ALL I NEED IS MACHINERY!
ANYTHING CAN MAKE ME STRONGER! ANYTHING!
THE KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA IS UNSTOP-PABLE!



SONIC--Confronted by SHARD!
KNUCKLES--Hunting down THRASH!
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it's editorial commentary that is beautiful, no matter what they say!

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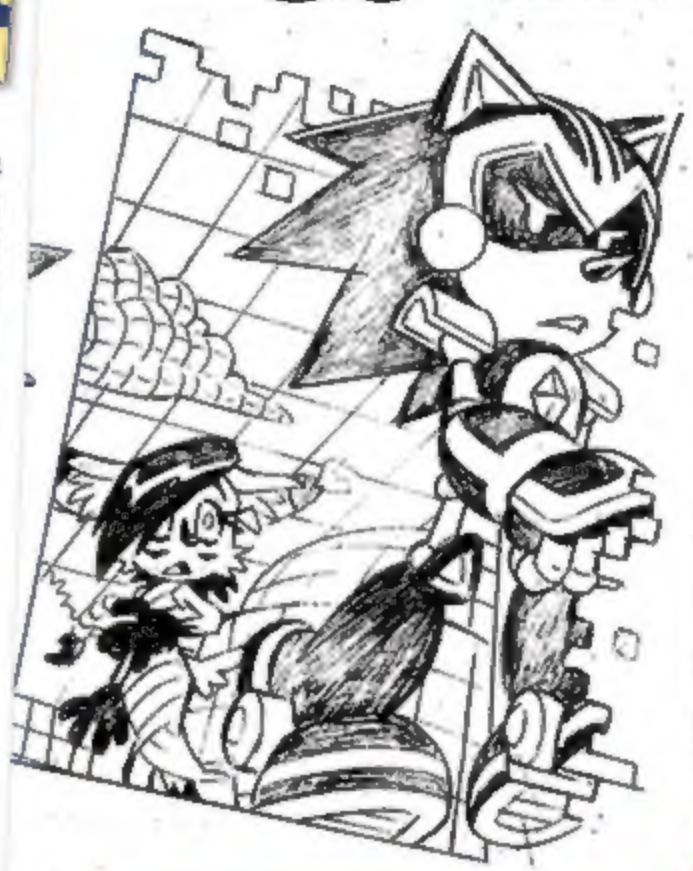
And BOY are we gonna have a ton of stuff for you to "read on" with! As a part of our big Sonic Comics 20th anniversary celebration, we've got a lot of special releases in store for this year!

DOUBLE THE SUPER TITLES, DOUBLE THE SUPER FUN! BOTH ARE COMING SOON, DON'T MISS 'EM! VISIT OUR SONIC SUPER STORE AND CATCH UP!

We've got not one, but TWO milestone issues in Sonic Universe #50 (check out a special sneak preview to your right!) and Sonic the Hedgehog #250! On top of that, the Sonic Super Digest will be bringing you more classic tales of Sonic and his buds alongside some special bonus content! We've also got the Sonic Super Special Magazine, TONS more graphic novels comin' your way, and a special surprise in store for the fall. Oh... and there's a crossover or something with two blue dudes.

Don't miss a moment – see you back here next month for more Sonic action!

SEE YA NEXT MONTH! - Paul



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LETTERS

DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FAN RESPONSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLY TO EACH FAN. SPACE LIMITATIONS MAY REQUIRE SOME PRINTED LETTERS TO BE EDITED. ALL YOUR LETTERS ARE APPRECIATED!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I've always wanted to write to you guys and tell you how much I enjoy Sonic comics.

I've always wanted to tell you how much we enjoy that you enjoy them! :)

I have been a fan since issue 12 (which I got in the 1st grade). Ever since then Sonic has been my hero. When I did art in high school most of my projects were of Sonic and his friends.

Be sure to submit some of your Sonic projects for fan art so we can show it to the world!

I own a couple of the TV shows that were produced and have three shoe boxes full of Sonic comics.

That's a lot of comics! Any red shoes with white straps and a buckle? I know a guy that may have misplaced his pair...

Whenever I first went to the Sonic fast food restaurant as a kid I thought it was a reference to "Sonic the Hedgehog" and was rather confused why they called their signature item a *chili cheese coney* instead of a chili cheese dog. If this was supposed to be a place in honor of Sonic they shouldn't change the name of his favorite food!

Related or not, I'm sure Sonic wouldn't object to a chili dog with the works!

Sonic has brought much joy to my life and has taught me to take things as they come and not be too serious about things. Thanks so much for everything you guys do and keep on making comics. It does matter and it does make a big difference in people's lives, if only a few.

Much appreciation,
John G.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks for the kind words, John!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I enjoyed reading issue 244. It was great to see Thrash again. And I look forward to next issue which looks awesome. I can't wait for the return of Metal Knuckles. Keep it up, Sonic crew.

-Robert W.
from Mt. Sterling KY

Thanks, Robert! We hope you enjoyed this issue! Get ready for more metal madness next time!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
this is my most favorite comic book series of all time!

WHAT A COINCIDENCE! It's my favorite too! :D

I have a few questions for all of you at Archie.

I'm all ears! And by "all" I mean the only two that I have!

When will Sally be back to normal again? When will Ixis Naugus be back in action? Who is the traitor from the Freedom Fighters and will they be revealed? And, finally, can you give me any dirt on the Sonic-Mega Man crossover event in 2013?

Your fan for all time,
Cole B.

Thanks for the letter, Cole! The answers you are looking for will be revealed all in due time! Hold your hedgehogs! I will say to keep reading Sonic the Hedgehog and Sonic Universe for all upcoming developments! As for the Sonic and Mega Man crossover, if ya just flip to the center of this very issue, you can get all the info you'll ever need to stay on top of this crazy-awesome, action-adventure, maple-flavored extravaganza!

Come back next month for the grand finale of "Endangered Species!"

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